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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ETRN, RO

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

REF: BUCHAREST 4706 AND PREVIOUS

1. PAN AMERICAN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO BUCHAREST WAS SUBMITTED TO CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) SOME TIME AGO AS PART OF BROADER SERVICE REDUCTION PACKAGE (WHICH INCLUDED SUSPENSION OF SERVICE TO BELGRADE AND SEVERAL OTHER POINTS IN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA). RATIONALE FOR REQUEST WAS, OF COURSE, FUEL SHORTAGE, WHICH IS NECESSITATING SIGNIFICANT CUTS IN OVERALL TRANSATLANTIC CAPACITY. LARGE MARKETS (E.G. NEW YORK-LONDON) OBVIOUSLY EXPERIENCE ONLY A CAPACITY REDUCTION (OR SLOWDOWN IN PLANNED GROWTH), WHILE SOME MARGINAL SERVICES ARE BEING AFFECTED MUCH MORE DRASTICALLY.

2. CAB HAS NOT YET TAKEN FORMAL ACTION ON PAN AM REQUEST, BUT SUCH ACTION COULD COME AT ANY MOMENT AND, IN ANY EVENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL PRESUMABLY COME BEFORE JANUARY 7, THE DATE ON WHICH

MOST OF THE SUSPENSIONS ARE "SCHEDULED" TO TAKE PLACE.  
FYI: WE UNDERSTAND CAB LIKELY TO APPROVE PAN AM'S APPLICATION IN TOTO AT LEAST AS IT RELATES TO FOREIGN POINTS. END  
FYI.

3. WE HAVE RELAYED TO PAN AM THE VARIOUS CONCERNS EXPRESSED  
TO EMBASSY BUCHAREST BY GOR OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS POINTS

EMBASSY ITSELF HAS PUT FORWARD. PAN AM HAS NOT SO FAR  
RESPONDED, BUT WE WILL FORWARD ITS COMMENTS WHEN RECEIVED.  
IN INTERIM, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT DECISION TO SUSPEND  
SERVICE TO BUCHAREST (AND BELGRADE), AS WELL AS TO CLOSE  
THE OFFICE, WAS BASED ON SOUND ECONOMIC CALCULATIONS  
BY THE AIRLINE. FUEL SHORTAGE WAS CATALYST FOR STARTING  
CALCULATIONS, BUT THE AIRLINE'S PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL  
CONDITION HAS ALSO BEEN A RELEVANT FACTOR. (SINCE IT IS  
NOT SUBSIDIZED BY THE USG, POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DO  
NOT NORMALLY PLAY A ROLE IN PAN AM'S PLANNING). REQUEST  
FOR SUSPENSION OF SERVICES IS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR,  
BUT IT NOT POSSIBLE TO STATE WHETHER THIS INTERRUPTION  
MIGHT BE LONGER (OR SHORTER). FYI: IT LIKELY THAT CAB  
WILL INITIALLY GRANT APPROVAL FOR ONLY SIX-MONTH SUSPENSION,  
AS IT HAS IN OTHER AIRLINES' CASES. END FYI. RUSH

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